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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL FOR MUNITIONS MANUFACTURE

1. DIRECTORS OF PORTUGUESE MUNITIONS MANUFACTURER, EXPLOSIVES OF TRAFARIA (EXTRA), HAVE QUERIED EMBASSY ON THE PROPER CHANNELS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR NAVAL MUNITIONS MANUFACTURE. THEY POINT OUT THE ADVANTAGES OF OFFSHORE MANUFACTURE IN SAVING SHIPPING COSTS FOR STOCKPILES IN EUROPE.

2. EXTRA HAS A DAILY CAPACITY TO WORK 15 TONS OF EXPLOSIVES ON AN 8 HOUR SHIFT, WITH A CAPABILITY TO AUGMENT THE QUANTITY WHEN WORKLOAD REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER COMPANY, EXTRA CURRENTLY HAS GPLD MK83 BOMBS IN PRODUCTION. EXTRA PRESENTLY CAN MANUFACTURE GPLD BOMBS MK81, MK82, MK83, AND MK84. THEY DO NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH CBU MK20 BOMBS, BUT BELIEVE THEY CAN FILL AND ASSEMBLE THEM AS A FIRST STEP, LATER DEVELOPING A CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE MOST OF THE PARTS. EXTRA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A CONTRACT TO MANUFACTURE ON THE ORDER OF 10 TO 20 THOUSAND BOMBS.

3. THE PRODUCTION LINE CAPACITY (MONTHLY, WITH AN 8 HR WORKDAY) IS:

AVIATION BOMBS, 1000 LBS            1,000 UNITS

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(OR CORRESPONDING QUANTITY OF SMALLER BOMBS)

ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES            50,000 UNITS

FRAGMENTATION HAND GRENADES    50,000 UNITS

A/P ROCKETS            10,000 UNITS

ARTILLERY MUNITIONS            30,000 UNITS

AVIATION FUSES (DETONATORS)    10,000 UNITS

4. IN NOTING STRONG US INTEREST IN ASSISTING PORTUGUESE ECONOMY,  
EXTRA DIRECTORS QUERIED ABOUT USG POLICY ON OFFSHORE NAVAL  
MUNITIONS MANUFACTURE FOR STOCKPILING IN EUROPE. EMBASSY  
REQUESTS DEPT. GUIDANCE ON US OVERSEAS MUNITIONS PROCUREMENT  
POLICY IN RESPONSE TO INTEREST EXPRESSED BY PORTUGUESE FIRM.  
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